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Ms. Mary L. Cottrell
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Boston, MA. 02110

Re: Docket No. 03-88-F – Default Service Costs

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

This letter provides the response to requests for the information listed below.

With this filing, the Company has completed responding to all of the interrogatories requested during this proceeding.

Responses to DTE-02 Interrogatories dated 04/02/2004
DTE2 – 001, 002, 003, 004

Very truly yours,

Stephen Klionsky (jms)

Stephen Klionsky

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cc: Service List

Witness: Edward A. Davis

Request from: Department of Telecommunications and Energy

Question:

For the years 2002, 2003, and 2004, please list the monthly costs (actual and projected) assessed to WMECO by the Independent System Operator - New England ("ISO-NE") associated with the development, implementation, and ongoing operation and administration of New-England Generation Information System ("NE-GIS"). For each month, separate the costs into those associated with the Company's standard offer service obligations and default service obligations.

Response:

See attached page 2 of 3 for GIS costs as billed/recorded and projected by the Company by load asset for January 2002 through January 2005 and page 3 of 3 which attributes these costs to their appropriate load months (December 2001 through December 2004) per ISO detail.

Western Massachusetts Electric Company

GIS Costs by General Ledger Month

Month	MA SOS	MA Interruptible	MA Default	Share of NU (a)	Total
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
February	-	-	-	-	-
March	-	-	-	-	-
April	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	4,219	4,219
July	-	-	-	711	711
August	-	-	-	817	817
September	-	-	-	-	-
October	92,384	347	8,910	(5,625)	96,016
November	9,157	9	-	25	9,191
December 2002	9,272	9	-	22	9,303
January 2003	9,561	9	-	21	9,591
February	-	-	-	34	34
March	-	-	-	33	33
April	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-
July 2003 - Dec. 2003	-	-	-	-	-
Jan 2004 - June 2004	-	-	-	-	-
July 2004 - Dec. 2004	-	-	-	-	-
January 2005	-	-	-	-	-

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Western Massachusetts Electric Company
GIS Costs by Load Month

Month	MA SOS	MA Interruptible	MA Default	Share of NU (a)	Total
December 2001	\$ 11,765	\$ 250	\$ 2,023	\$ 89	\$ 14,127
January 2002	737	1	118	6	862
February	275	-	44	2	321
March	310	-	47	2	359
April	481	1	68	(1)	549
May	38,194	62	5,242	(66)	43,432
June	9,341	8	1,368	37	10,754
July	9,448	8	-	17	9,473
August	10,848	9	-	7	10,864
September	10,985	8	-	29	11,022
October	9,157	9	-	25	9,191
November	9,272	9	-	22	9,303
December 2002	9,561	9	-	21	9,591
January 2003	-	-	-	34	34
February	-	-	-	33	33
March	-	-	-	-	-
April	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-
June 2003 - Nov.2003	-	-	-	-	-
Dec. 2003 - May 2004	-	-	-	-	-
June 2004- Nov. 2004	-	-	-	-	-
December 2004	-	-	-	-	-

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Witness: Edward A. Davis
Request from: Department of Telecommunications and Energy

Question:

Has ISO-NE revised the method by which it allocates NE-GIS costs to NEPOOL participants during the period 2002-2004? If so, please describe these revisions and discuss how the revised method has affected the NE-GIS costs allocated to the Company.

Response:

During the period 2002 through the present, ISO-NE allocated GIS costs to the registered owners of GIS load assets. ISO-NE made a one time catch-up billing adjustment based on this methodology in September 2002 that was recorded by the Company in October 2002.

Witness: Edward A. Davis

Request from: Department of Telecommunications and Energy

Question:

Is WMECO aware of any revisions the ISO-NE intends to make during the upcoming months regarding the method by which it allocates NE-GIS costs to NEPOOL participants? If so, please describe these upcoming revisions and discuss how the revisions will affect the Company. In particular, provide your best estimate of the monthly default service-related costs that the ISO-NE will assess to the Company under the revisions allocation method.

Response:

WMECO is not aware of any revisions ISO-NE intends to make during the upcoming months regarding the method by which it allocates GIS costs to NEPOOL participants.

Witness: Edward A. Davis

Request from: Department of Telecommunications and Energy

Question:

Please explain why WMECO has not included the NE-GIS costs associated with the Company's default service obligations (as identified in Information Requests DTE 2-1 through DTE 2-3 above) as a "direct retail cost" (defined in Procurement of Default Service, D.T.E. 02-40-B at 17 (2003) as a cost that a distribution company incurs strictly on behalf of its default service customers) to be included in the Company's default service rates.

Response:

As indicated in the response to Information Request AG-1-007 and Information Request DTE-2-001, in complying with Massachusetts' attribute laws, NE-GIS costs are charged to the registered GIS load asset owners. WMECO's standard offer and default service suppliers are the registered owners of these load assets. The costs are included in the price paid to the suppliers and therefore included in the retail price of default service. To avoid double-counting those costs, WMECO did not include them as part of the "direct retail cost".